

Damien leans against a wall, arms folded, he looks weighed down by burden.

DAMIEN

Expectations are the hardest thing to deal with, especially when it's not even your own you're trying to live up to. It's easy enough to falter under your own expectations without others adding to the burden, but when someone you care about is in trouble - what else can you do?

He shrugs, a rub of his brow.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)

I suppose the answer to that is - the best you can. It's hard for her. Every step forward I take seems to follow by her hitting another obstacle. I'm heading where she wants to be. How am I supposed to enjoy that? How can I expect her to be happy for me while watching me live her dream?

He looks away, the question cutting him deeper the more he thinks about it.

DAMIEN (CONT'D)

We've been together so long, but the better things get for me, the more I find myself asking - can we survive this?